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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 1, prenumbered lines 12-13, delete "(herein referred to as *rhtA23*)";

prenumbered line 22, change "*rhtA* gene" to "--thrR mutation--";

prenumbered line 23, change "the *rhtA* gene is identical to" to "--mutation arose
in--.

Page 2, line 6, change "*rhtA23*" to "--thrR--", same line, after "is" insert "--caused by--";

line 7, after "codon" insert "--in the *rhtA* gene (the mutation was designated by
"*rhtA23*")--.

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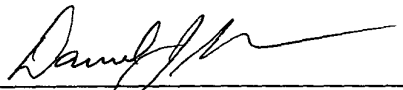
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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